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§ 791. Corporation created

The following named persons: Major General David M. Shoup, United States Marine Corps, Virginia; Joel T. Boone, Washington, District of Columbia; Samuel I. Parker, New Jersey; Nicholas Oresko, New Jersey; Luther Skaggs, Maryland; Rufus G. Herring, North Carolina; Nathan Gordon, Arkansas; Joseph J. McCarthy, Illinois; Pierpont M. Hamilton, California; Daniel W. Lee, Alabama; Walter D. Ehlers, California; David E. Hayden, California; William R. Huber, California; Robert S. Kennemore, California; Jackson C. Pharris, California; William J. Crawford, Colorado; Hugh C. Frazer, Washington, District of Columbia; Robert E. Galer, Washington, District of Columbia; Edouard V. M. Izac, Washington, District of Columbia; Leon W. Johnson, Washington, District of Columbia; Keith L. Ware, Washington, District of Columbia; John C. Latham, Connecticut; Homer L. Wise, Connecticut; Charles P. Murray, Georgia; Robert E. Gerstung, Illinois; Jake Allex Mandusich, Illinois; John L. Barkley, Kansas; Charles E. Kelly, Kentucky; John D. Bulkeley, Maryland; Justice M. Chambers, Maryland; Lawson P. Ramage, Washington, District of Columbia; Charles A. MacGillivray, Massachusetts; Everett P. Pope, Massachusetts; Russell E. Dunham, Missouri; Arthur J. Forrest, Missouri; M. Waldo Hatler, Missouri; Carl L. Sitter, North Carolina; Max Thompson, North Carolina; Francis X. Burke, New Jersey; Thomas J. Hudner, New Jersey; Samuel M. Sampler, New Jersey; Charles Henry Willey, New Hampshire; Frank L. Anders, North Dakota; Ernest Childers, Oklahoma; John R. Crews, Oklahoma; Jack C. Montgomery, Oklahoma; Robert D. Maxwell, Oregon; Gino J. Merli, Pennsylvania; Oscar Schmidt, Pennsylvania; Thomas Eadie, Rhode Island; Charles H. Coolidge, Tennessee; Carlton W. Barrett, Virginia; Raymond G. Davis, Virginia; Paul F. Foster, Virginia; James R. Hendrix, Virginia; John Mihalowski, Virginia; Louis H. Wilson, Virginia; Orville E. Bloch, Washington; Robert E. Bonney, Washington; Einar H. Ingman, Wisconsin; Herschel W. Williams, West Virginia; and their successors are created and declared to be a body corporate of the District of Columbia, where its legal domicile shall be by the name of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society of the United States of America (hereafter referred to as the "corporation") and by such name shall be known and have perpetual succession and the powers, limitations, and restrictions herein contained.

(Pub. L. 85-642, § 1, Aug. 14, 1958, 72 Stat. 597.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 792 of this title.

§ 792. Completion of organization

A majority of the persons named in section 791 of this title are authorized to complete the organization of the corporation by the selection of officers and employees, the adoption, amendment, and revision of a constitution and bylaws not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter and the doing of such other acts as may be necessary for such purpose.

(Pub. L. 85-642, § 2, Aug. 14, 1958, 72 Stat. 597.)

§ 793. Objects and purposes of corporation

The objects and purposes of the corporation are as follows:

- (1) To form a bond of friendship and comradeship among all holders of the Congressional Medal of Honor.
- (2) To protect, uphold, and preserve the dignity and honor of the medal at all times and on all occasions.
- (3) To protect the name of the medal, and individual holders of the medal from exploitation.
- (4) To provide appropriate aid to all persons to whom the medal has been awarded, their widows or their children.
- (5) To serve our country in peace as we did in war.
- (6) To inspire and stimulate our youth to become worthy citizens of our country.
- (7) To foster and perpetuate Americanism.

(Pub. L. 85-642, § 3, Aug. 14, 1958, 72 Stat. 598.)

§ 794. Powers of corporation

The corporation shall have power—

- (1) to sue and be sued, complain and defend in any court of competent jurisdiction;
- (2) to adopt, alter, and use a corporate seal;
- (3) to choose officers, managers, and agents as the business of the corporation may require;
- (4) to charge and collect membership dues;
- (5) to adopt, amend, apply, and alter a constitution and bylaws not inconsistent with the laws of the United States of America or any State in which the corporation is to operate, for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;
- (6) to contract and be contracted with;
- (7) to take and hold by lease, gift, purchase, grant, devise, bequest or otherwise any property real, personal, or mixed, necessary or convenient for attaining the objects of the corporation, subject, however, to applicable provisions of law of any State, (a) governing the amount or kind of real and personal property which may be held by, or, (b) otherwise limiting or controlling the ownership of real and personal property by, a corporation operating in such State;
- (8) to transfer, lease, or convey real or personal property;
- (9) to borrow money for the purposes of the corporation and issue bonds or other evidences